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Arrivals.

June 17, MONGKOK, Brit. str., 1,584 Alfred Colman, Bombay 29th May, Galle 4th June, Peiping 26th, and Singapore 11th. General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

June 17, HYDTON CASTLE, Brit. str., 347 W. Scott, Saigon 8th June, Rice—Onder, June 17, DORTOGA, British steamer, 364, E. Burns, Foochow 14th June, Amoy 15th, and Swallow 16th, General—D. LARBAK & Co.

June 17, PHILIP FITZPATRICK, American bark, 582, Phelan, Newcastle, N.S.W., 3rd April, Coal—P. M. S. S. Co.

June 18, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 450 tons, William Turner, British bark, 431, Yanderbury, Sydney 20th April, 450 tons Coal and General—C. A. LOWELL & Co.

June 18, TINGALEH, British bark, 320, D. Anton, Saigon 24th June, Rice—Onder, June 17, MANILA II, British bark, 615, H. C. Gunter, Bangkok 31st May, Blue and Wood—SIMENSEN & Co.

June 17, MONTEGO, British bark, 316, Griffin, Newchung 23rd May, Bohea—E. SKELLERUP & Co.

June 18, HOW-SANG, Chinese str., 795, Hutchinson, Canton 17th June, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

June 18, THON KRAMON, Siam, bark, 474, P. W. Vottah, Bangkok 1st June, Rice—SIMENSEN & Co.

June 18, BOWEN, British str., 1,500, J. Miller, Sydney 31st May, Coontown 6th June, and Somerset 8th, General—C. B. LIVINGSTON & Co.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, JUNE 17TH.

Honduras, British str., for Singapore, &c. Argyl, British steamer, for Singapore, &c. Norna, British steamer, for Swatow.

Minoo, German bark, for Foochow.

William Phillips, American sch., for Touren, Asia, Danish steamer, for Saigon.

Leonor, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

Departures.

June 17, TEPERAN, Brit. str., for Singapore, Bombay, &c.

June 17, TITAN, American ship, for Guam.

June 17, ECHO, British bark, for Foochow.

June 17, CLACHNAUCEDIN, British bark, for Newchung.

June 17, AZUL, British str., for Singapore, Penang, and London.

June 17, PENO CHOU-KAI, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.

June 17, HINDOSTAN, British str., for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

June 17, AZUL, British str., for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

June 18, LEONOR, British str., for Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.

June 18, CYPRUS, Brit. str., for Hankow.

June 18, NOEMA, British str., for Swatow.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.

For Mongolia, str., (r. in Bombay 24th, for Hong Kong, 1st June, 1876.)

From Southampton—Messrs. J. Elliston, Y. Tanis, G. Worsell, and J. Wood.

For Douglas, str., from East Coast—Mr. E. M. L. Linton, T. Evans, Cook, and 60 others.

For Swan, str., from Sydney, &c.—Captain Ruta and 1 European, cabin, and 20 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Ajia, str., for Singapore, &c.

For Singapore and Peiping—20 Chinese.

For Argyl, str., for Sinap, &c.—One European, Penang, and Calcutta—One Englishman, 270 Chinese, deck.

For Chittagong, str., for Newchung—1 Cabin and 2 Chinese.

For Madras, str., for Singapore, &c.—Mrs. Gardner, Miss Apcar, and Mr. McLarty, and 300 Chinese.

For Norna, str., for Swatow, &c.—100 Chinese.

For London, str., for Swatow, &c.—2 Cabin and 40 Chinese.

To depart.

For Asia, str., for Saigon—40 Chinese.

For William Phillips, for Touren—3 Cabin and 16 Chinese.

Reports.

The British bark William Turner reports left Sydney on 20th April, and had light airs and calms throughout the whole passage.

The British bark Monida, reports left Newchung on 23rd May, and had variable winds and moderate general girothru.

The German bark Marida II, reports left Bangkok 31st May, and experienced light Southerly and S.E. winds throughout.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 9th May, at St. George's, Hanover-
square, by the Rev. Henry Ralph Hobkirk, Rector
of Arthingworth, GEORGE, second son of
Frederick Barbary, of Sherborne House, Sorrey, to
NINA, daughter of the late T. Chay Bells, of
Shanghai.

DEATHS.

On the 2nd May, at Versailles, Mrs. C.
Berwick.

On the 9th May, at London, JAMES BROOKS,
late of Hongkong.

On the 7th May, T. W. D. MACKENZIE, for-
merly of Messrs. Turner and Co., China.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 19th, 1876.

The Chinese immigration question has been
forced upon the attention of the United
States Senate. As mentioned in Saturday's
issue a resolution was brought forward on the
9th, by Mr. SARGENT to the effect that,
the vast influx of Chinese to the Pacific
Coast was working great injury to the mon-
economics of the Pacific States, and as the existing
laws against coolie traffic,
and the importation of females for immoral
purposes fail of execution, the Committee on
Commerce be instructed to consider the sub-
ject and report a Bill placing adequate
restrictions upon the immigration of Chinese
to the United States. This resolution was
agreed to. In a speech in the Senate, on the
1st ult., Mr. SARGENT made a somewhat
elaborate statement on the subject, in
which he pointed the Chinese in the most
objectionable colours. He discussed the Chinese
problem in all its phases, and maintained
that to their unfeeling immigration
it will work great injury to the best interests
of the Chinese, wherever they
are, and that they drive out all others. He went on
to describe the process by which they finally
monopolised whole countries and streets of San
Francisco, and expatriated their fifth, their

consumption, their gambling saloons, their
opium dens, and their brothels. At the present
rate it would be but a question of time
before they would occupy the whole city of
San Francisco; unless something was done
to avert the evil, it would not be long before
San Francisco would be an Asiatic city. He
quoted from an account in a California
publication of the tremendous incursions made
by the Chinese, and how they were encroaching
and gradually filling up the city. He
then read from the reports of the San Francisco
Board of Supervisors of April 26th, 1875,
to show the great danger to the city by
fire arising from the careless practices of the
Chinese. He said the genius of Killanian
would fail to describe the squalor and filth
of the Chinese quarter in San Francisco,
and it was a wonder that a pestilence had not
lighted upon the devoted city. There
were 24,000 Chinese in San Francisco now,
and there was not a town in California or
Nevada that had not streets of them. If
the present rate of immigration was kept up,
in five years the Chinese would control the
State of California. The Chinese followed
the line of travel, and had already made
their appearance in the East, but with a few
exceptions, not in sufficient numbers to excite
alarm. The Chinese could work for wages
upon which no white man would live. They
drive out white labour, and then, when they
had a monopoly, they put up the prices. The
Chinaman is a perpetual threat to the un-
skilled labourer, and is rapidly becoming so
to the skilled labourer. In support of this
assertion Mr. SAXON instance the Chinese
experiment of North Adams, where a single
manufacturer had become rich while
labourers had been driven from their homes,
and round up by remarking that what had
been done on a small scale in Massachusetts
might be done on a large scale hereafter.
He made out the case against the Chinese
as complete as possible, and succeeded
apparently in producing an impression
that they are invaders to be checked, if
not driven out of the country altogether. He
had little to say in favour of the race to
which, after all, California owes so large a
degree of its prosperity. He certainly did
admit that the Chinese were industrious and
persevering; but their worst enemy could do
no less. It is the possession of these qualities
in an unusual degree that has done so much
to move the present storm against them. The
lower-class Irish immigrant and the man of
colour have no inclination to enter the lists
against the Celestial, in this respect; they
will be satisfied only when his competition
is entirely withdrawn. The present agitation
is chiefly the work of aliens; the American citizens
have had comparatively little to do with it. Most of the antipathy
towards the Chinese in the Pacific States
has its root in falsehoods. Formerly little
was heard about their dirty habits and
immoral propensities; now the people of the
Golden State fail to find words in which
to express their horror of the vices to which
their unwilling visitors are addicted. We
are no apologists for the Chinese; the lower
classes are neither virtuous nor cleanly, and
they have a passion for gambling and
opium smoking which does not tend to make
them pleasant neighbours. But they are
useful in a hundred ways; their labour is
cheap; they are peaceable and easily content;
and may be compelled to conform to the
laws and requirements of a Christian land if
proper measures and sufficient vigour be
exercised by the authorities. It seems to us
that the Authorities of San Francisco have
been content in the past to allow the Chinese
quarter to take care of itself in great measure,
until it has become a nest of corruption,
crime, and immorality. The policemen appear
to have been in the habit of taking bribes,
and practically the Chinese have been suffered
to govern themselves. The Californian Govern-
ment could, if it pleased, put down gambling
and shut up the opium shops. It could even
forbid the immigration of those addicted to
the latter habit. There are many ways in which
the nuisances attached to Chinese immigration
could be mitigated. It is hardly likely
that the Senate will pass a Bill putting a
total stop to this immigration. The benefits
of the Western States have reaped from the
employment of Asiatic labour have been so
great and obvious that American legislators
would think twice before they consented to
abrogate the treaty with China. The United
States is not given to retrogression, and we
have sufficient confidence in the wisdom of
its rulers to think they will find some better
solution of the difficulty than that.

The latest addition to the usual column
of news from the Far East is the
Report of Mr. TREMELT, British Consul
at Saigon, on the trade of that port for 1875.
The Court would not receive it and spoke very
strongly on the point, and sent it to the bank and
the books brought up for the occasion,
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to its being read. The report was read,
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the departure of this official—those terms of office in this province has undoubtedly tended to weaken the mandarins in foreign estimation.

Chinese young ladies are not always so well guarded as some people may imagine to be the case. An expectant bride left the city a few days ago for the house of her future husband in Nanking, but, instead of having, as is always the custom, a covered chair to a place of concealment, the neighbourhood of the foreign settlement was yesterday covered with placards offering a reward for information concerning the missing beauty.

We learn that the Chinese officials are taking measures to protect the telegraph line between the Settlement and Manooi. The intentions to do so have been very frequent of late, and the cost of replacing the stolen wire by means of trifling. As the native authorities are in full possession of the property, they do not, of course, fail to their advantage to encourage the "Fung Shui" doctrine promulgated by them at the expense of the under-takers. And, as far as we are concerned, we are required by it in its proper light.

On the 7th just, at about 3 p.m., a wretched-looking Chinaman—a native of Fung Ching province—attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the small bridge between Nankai and Chung-Chow. Tardy assistance was however at hand, and the man was saved, but, generally, he was unable to speak, and, for an hour, reaching term pangs, his first enquiry was for a few hundred cash for the purchase of sufficient opium to accomplish the end-in-view. The man had been at one time a wealthy Ningpo merchant, but had been unfortunate in business and had taken to gambling.

Observers report in the public thoroughfares that the Chinese may be inclined to practice a kind of primitive sacrifice in the hands of small boys and grown-up men. The Chinese call it "Tin Pao." It consists simply of two small pieces of bamboo, both of which are connected by means of about three lengths of cotton thread varying from 50 to 100 yards. With this rude and simple device minute contrivances are held between persons, at one end of the line, and the hand of the bamboo at the opposite, while his friend places his tube to the ear, it is popularly supposed that telegraphy is conducted by messages on the same principle, with the difference that wire is used instead of cotton-thread.

A NEW INFERNO MACHINE.—M. Henri de Parville, in a scientific article in the "bulletin Francais," mentions a curious invention—"An American billiard ball of artificial ivory made of remarkable hardness and of a perfect resemblance to the natural substance. Jewels made of the same material have been quite in vogue for some months. The new balls have already been introduced into England and France. The ball is a perfect sphere, and a player, in hitting his shot, lets it scratch fall on the ball, which at once bursts into flames, to the great satisfaction of all present. It burns with a smoky flame, like sealing wax. Efforts were made to extinguish it, but, praiseworthy, and it had to be left until it was completely consumed, which took a quarter of an hour. The inventor, however, has given up his invention, as he found this ball to be a billiard ball had been known to be such a marvellous mimicry, the curiosity of the spectators being naturally excited. An American chemist explained the secret of that unexpected combustion. The substance with which the new ivory is made is called celluloid, in the United States. It is a mixture of gun-cotton and camphor, compressed and dried. It forms a hard, elastic, and elastic, which, when polished, has an absolute resemblance to ivory. Every one knows that camphor burns readily, with a blue flame. Gun-cotton does better still, it explodes. The two combined and compressed. Think whether the inflammability of the results is astonishing."

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Extracts.

FASTING.

"Ay, there is casting in it,
The white-hair'd almsay said,
As he look'd on the sweep of fusing gray,
And the galing flocks of snowy spray.
Wind-borne over the great pier-head.
"Ay, there is casting in it,
The hand of death clutching under the rock,
And last night a sound like the sea-waves break'd,
As the wind round my turf-walls sweep'd.
"Ay, there is casting in it;
The chance is kin or friend,
When sickness and poverty seize the way,
And the easy gladness of a' day lead
To narrow gloom instead.

Of for the perfect work of time!
O for the other world's reward,
When we're rightly sighted here we're paid,
Where the riches of years are read at last,
And the east wind blows no more.

—World.

HOW MILDE REPROVE.

Reprove mildly and sweetly, in the calmest manner, in the gentlest terms; not in a hasty or impulsive way, not hastily or fiercely; not with sour looks, or in bitter language; for these ways do but all the evil, and hinder the best effects of reproof. They do, certainly, inflame and distract the person reproofed. They breed wrath, disdain, and hatred against the reprobate, but do not well enlighten the man to see his error, or affect him with kindly sense of the miscarriage, or dispose him to correct his fault. Such reproach-look rather like the wounds and persecution of enmity than as remedies ministered by a friendly hand; they harden men with stomach, and they soon to need upon such occasion. If reproach doth not savor of humanity, it signifies nothing; it must be like a bitter pill wrapt in gold and tempered with sugar, otherwise it would not go down or work effectually.—Isawas Barrozo.

THE GARDENS AT SCHONBRUNN.

The gardens at Schonbrunn, the Emperor of Austria's palace, located about one and one-half miles from Vienna, are renowned for their extent and beauty, and also for their completeness, the botanical collection being one of the finest in the world. They also contain a large and important menagerie, and a system of water works and fountains. "The creation of ornamental gardens in all parts of Europe, and in fact throughout the world, is becoming a matter of common occurrence. Not only are private gardens of great importance in an artistic point of view, being formed; but also public parks and gardens of great extent, and this is calling into requisition the highest talent as command in that department of horticultural art. In the gardens of the Clusters of Schonbrunn, cropped masses of trees serve as grand walks of verdure, in which niches are cut for statuary; and one of these artificial scenes leads to the beautiful spring Schone Brunn, from which the name of the original castle was derived. The spring is now enclosed in an elaborately wrought marble framework, and the centre of the basin is decorated with statuary, after the manner employed at Versailles. The glorié, a temple displaying a colonnade, is seen in the distance, rising above several lofty walls of foliage in front of each of which are shrubs of lower stature, which are left to assume their natural growth; and the contrast between the trimmed and the untrimmed form is far from displeasing. The magnificent gardens attached to the Chateau Schonbrunn, from the great height of the vast walls of verdure above allude to the profusion of statuary, and other decorative objects, so placed as to produce the best possible effect, form grand models of the formal style of treatment, and are well worthy of the careful study and earnest attention of every practitioner of the art of decorative gardening on a large scale.

BOCCACCIO AND PETRARCA.

It is true that the first connecting link between Boccaccio and Petrarch was their common love of poetry, which indeed remained the keynote of their subsequent intercourse. But it is equally true that if instead of being among the brightest stars of Italian literature, and the prime leaders and movers of the glorious Renaissance of art and letters, these two men had been private individuals with no particular claim to notice, yet the record of their friendship would be valuable owing to the rare constancy of their affection, the remarkable circumstances by which it was tested, and the interesting and touching traits of individuality revealed on these occasions. It is all the more to be wondered at that as far as the present writer is aware, a monographic treatment of this interesting subject has never yet been attempted, either in Italy or in any of the countries where the names of the two poets are household words. Boccaccio and Petrarch became acquainted as a comparatively advanced age, when as a rule are little apt to mingle in shadowy circles of office. Both had high places in the republic of letters, both had been employed on important diplomatic missions, and had received the cheering atmosphere of Italian courts; both in fact were men of world, and of a world of subtle intrigue and adventure. Yet their friendship seems to have been instantaneous, and as far as was ever contracted by freshmen at college-like schoolboy days, also, they at once began telling each other their secrets; and their correspondence commenced soon after their first meeting, and continued, to the last day of their lives, not surpassed in literature, as regards the variety of topics touched upon, and the familiarity and perfect mutual confidence evinced in every turn of expression. Moreover, in spite of its almost impetuous beginning, this intimacy survived the test of time surprisingly well. No thought of rivalry, but too easily accountable under the circumstances, seems to have crossed their minds; and they always remained the same stanch friends through good and evil report. Petrarch's lost will contains an affectionate remembrance of his friend; and the short period by which the broken-hearted Boccaccio survived his loss was mainly employed in the departure of his poet-fame. This beautiful, and rare instance of immutable affection ceases to surprise us when we consider the characters of the two men a little more closely. They were destined to be friends; the concord and discord of their nature, their tastes and idiosyncrasies, their strengths and weaknesses, were complementary of each other, and made the union of similitude organically consistent. Their early years had been passed under somewhat analogous circumstances. B. longing both to the upper middle class, Petrarch being the son of a respected notary, Boccaccio the illegitimate offspring of a moderately wealthy merchant whom they were brought up in their father's calling. But neither of them showed any talent for the practical pursuits of life. Boccaccio's master sent him to his idle clerk in b-pair after six years' apprenticeship; and an equal term spent by him in the study of the law, which counts as an utter and irretrievable loss of time. With little more success was Petrarch sent to the most renowned law school, and son of a man of Montepulciano and Bologna, the great poets and philosophers of ancient Rome impressed his thoughts, and as soon as the death of his beloved father freed him from restraint, he threw off the law yoke, and wholly gave himself up to his favorite "clima poesis," which Boccaccio's upstart name, as the whole study of his own life.—*Manzoni's Magazine*.

NEIGHBOURS.

It is one of the necessities of life in these modern times that people shall live alone, so well, therefore, to be comfortable and be amiable even under trying circumstances. No doubt, one's immediate neighbours are not always exactly what one would like them to be; but it is certain that they are treated properly, rather than aggravated, they are not nearly so bad at first sight as the present writer, remembering his theme, will describe as being as plain as the nose on the reader's face.

The twelve Caesars (scamps indeed, see *Suetonius*), being imperial themselves, had, surely, most Caesarian or imperial noses. Julius' being almost as big as his *Commentaries*!—Name Pompeius (widely known) had a nose which was a nose—it was half a foot long; his second nose was simple—surname, or nickname, for a person possessing in the physiognomy that nose; the nose of Miss Lydia Thompson ("the noseiest nose that ever you did see"). The kings before Tarquin had long noses; and, consequently, all of them reigned in peace; but Tarquin (a degenerate Roman that he was) had a small nose, and, therefore, they pulled his throne from under him, and kicked him out of Rome. Tarquin was called "the super—" though not on any nasal account that we can discover.

Proverbial philosophy (not Tupper's) has a great deal to say about noses. You know (*inter alia*) "Produnt men sem fair," while "The fool has no nose." Ordinatus Naso was indebted for his second name to the reason of which. Numus Pompeius was indebted for his; and it was on the same ground that it was sarcastically attempted to console a certain lad post by the admission that, if he was no Ovid, he was a Nose.

Quoniam Nasus must have had a nose of a gaudy size; otherwise, she could never have led so many men by it; she admittedly did; but it is reasonable that nasal longitude, resound its extreme limits in the case of a certain French gentleman (Gyano de Bourgane by name) whose nose had attained such observable dimensions, that, when out walking (which must have been somewhat of a trial to him), he was forced to keep his hand continually on his sword, by way of warning to any body (less than himself, we suppose) who dared to look him in the face (or nose), to fix his or long.

There has been much fun poked at noses; both in ancient and in modern times. There was a certain French dolphin called "Garcin-Soub;" and a celebrity in medieval romances of chivalry was one William of Orange, popularly known as "William with the long nose," while historical students need scarcely be reminded that our own Wellington was vulgarly, yet tenderly, termed "Old Nose." Robinson evidently feels that he is bound, in justice to himself, to ignore Smith, while Smith is assured that he would deserve very little if his self-respect were to be shown to the world that he is alive to the fact that the world is graced by the presence of a Robinson. The opinion of Robinson being that his nose is parably superior to Smith, while it is the unalterable conviction of the latter individual that he is inexpressibly more important than Robinson. Naturally, the families of the two houses become imbued with the same views as those which are possessed by their respected heads, and thus there is presented the singular spectacle of one set of human beings apparently failing to realize the existence of another set of human beings, although the two sets are constantly running and parading before each other. At the same time, though the houses of Robinson and Smith act in the remarkable fashion—though when Smith is not trying to "cut" Robinson, Robinson is on the alert to administer a snub to Brown—there are times when they become profoundly agitated and show that such is the case. It may be that Robinson keeps his nose, and that these hens trespass to the land of Smith. Then there is a terrible outcry, which is not decreased when, one day, Robinson discovers that one of his much-cared-for owls have been ruthlessly slain. It may be that Smith is the owner of a cat, which is demolished by a savage dog belonging to Robinson. In the event of such a catastrophe as this occurring war to the knife is invariably the inevitable result. During the course of the hostilities the dog has naturally, a very hard time, and Smith and Robinson are probably persuaded to enter into conversation with each other. Whether, however, much profit results from the interview, which is thus brought about is doubtful—except, occasionally, so far as certain gentlemen of the legal fraternity are concerned. Failing any other cause, Smith and Robinson can get up a tremendous amount of sensation about a tree. Say, that the roots of a shrub are planted in the grounds of Smith, and that its branches extend to those of Robinson. Well, here is cause for hundreds of skirmishes and not a few pitched battles. Robinson, perhaps, believes that the interloping branches shall be cut down; whereas Smith fires upon, and, after a while, discovering that Robinson's children have done his property serious damage, declares that he will have satisfaction, come what may. So things go on for an indefinite period, but, fortunately, though the sky is ever very overcast, nothing serious happens in a general way, with the exception that a vast amount of ill-feeling is engendered. Neighbours, of course, may be a comfort to each other, but if they prefer to be constant enemies, it is but natural that they should, when they are brought about by the effect of fear or other stimulants.

We ourselves like to see a good nose on a man; but in a woman's case we are content with moderation. We incline to believe that Cornelia, the Roman matron who "brought up" the Roman nation, was a woman of heroic character; but, we fancy, poor Lucretia must have been the owner of a nose which was decidedly weak. Cleopatra, probably, had a fine nose; but Helen of Troy, usually, made more show of beauty than of strength, while poor Mary Stuart, we opine, had a nose more after the French style than the Scottish.

Nature does the needful in most cases, though she occasionally misses her aim. We have seen a dwarf and a giant who had evidently got one another's noses. Appearances certainly demand an exchange. Pretty little women usually have pretty little noses; but it sometimes happens, even where women are concerned, that, while on the one hand, some ladies show too much "cheek" (we speak anatomically, and not, perhaps, any right to complain). Nevertheless, it may be pointed out that when people have to live side by side they may as well try to please as to displease, especially as one provocation invariably provokes another. Thus, if a man encourages his children to make a noise which he knows will nearly drive his neighbour to distraction, and if he persistently turns a deaf ear to all the complaints which are made to him on the score of the nuisance, he cannot be surprised if, in, despite his neighbour's at-a-corner, or sets his daughters at a jingling piano. 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